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Differentiation of Infectious Versus Non-Infectious
Pathogens in a Sample

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth under 37 CFR § 1.56, 1.97(b), and 1.98, Applicants enclose the attached form PTO-1449. The references listed are cited in the above-referenced patent application. Copies of the references are enclosed.

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